

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

*on*

## COMPARATIVE LAW

April 25-26, 2025

Co-Organised by:

School of Business & Law, Edith Cowan University, [Western Australia]

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School of Law, Galgotias University, Uttar Pradesh, [India]

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE: AN INTRODUCTION**

The School of Business and Law at Edith Cowan University prepares industry-ready graduates by providing high-quality teaching and learning experiences alongside engaged, applied comparative research. Recognizing the importance of comparative studies in law, the school has organized the International Conference on Comparative Law across various jurisdictions. These conferences have culminated in the creation of insightful books on comparative law, which are [Comparative Law - Unravelling Global Legal Systems](#), [Comparative Approaches in Law and Policy](#) and [Comparative Law: Its Facets, Nuances and Intricacies](#).

The next edition of the International Conference on Comparative Law is planned in collaboration with School of Law, Galgotias University, Uttar Pradesh (India) on April 25 - 26, 2025 in a hybrid format.

#### **Our Legacy**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the ICCL by **School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia** was held in the hybrid mode on February 09-10, 2024. This edition brought Judges, Lawyers, Advocates, and Legal Researchers of comparative law on a single platform. The conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, former Chief Justice of India,

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Chairperson, Law Commission of India, Hon'ble Mr. Justice John Alexander Logan, Judge, Federal Court of Australia, Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur, Dr. Cecilia Inés Silberberg, Counselor and Consu, Argentina Embassy, Prof. Guillaume Tusseau, SciencesPo Law School, Paris. Keynote sessions were addressed by 35 distinguished legal luminaries from around the globe. We were fortunate to have representatives from the leading universities around the Globe. Legal luminaries of the highest stature from the Bench, Bar and Academia in India and overseas attended past editions of ICCL. To name Hon'ble Mr Justice Deepak Gupta, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court; Chairperson, News Broadcasting Standards Authority; Hon'ble Ms Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Mr Justice Chandrashekhar, Judge, High Court of Delhi; Hon'ble Mr Justice Prateek Jalan, Judge, High Court of Delhi; Hon'ble Mr. Justice AHMD Nawaz, Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, Hon'ble Mr Justice Saleem Marsoof, Former Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka & Non-Resident Justice of Appeal, Supreme Court of Fiji, Hon'ble Ms Justice Lyubka Petrova, Judge at Supreme Administrative Court of Bulgaria, Mr. Shadrack J Mose, Solicitor General of Republic of Kenya, Mr. Alfred Tuah-Yeboah, Deputy Attorney General and Minister for Justice, Ghana, Hon'ble Mr. Rajesh Ramlool SC, Deputy Solicitor General of Mauritius, Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Vice Chancellor, NALSAR; Prof. Subir K. Bhatnagar, Vice Chancellor, RMLNLU; Prof. Nishtha Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, HPNLU; Prof. S. Shanthakumar, Director, Gujarat National Law University, Gujarat, India; Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi; Prof. Melissa de Zwart, Dean of Law and Head of School, Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide, Australia & President of the Council of Australian Law Deans; Prof. Michael Peil, Associate Professor of Law and Vice Dean, JSW School of Law, Bhutan, Prof. Richard Albert, ; Prof. Rosalind Dixon, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law & Justice, UNSW Sydney, Australia, Prof. Mark Graber, Regents Professor at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, USA, Prof. Richard Albert, Professor of World Constitutions and Director of Constitutional Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, USA, Dr. Subhjit Basu, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Leeds, UK, Mr. Vikrant Rana, Managing Partner, S.S. Rana & Co.; Senior Advocate Ms. Geeta Luthra, *etc.*

## **2025 CONFERENCE: THEME**

In an era of increasing globalization, legal systems across the world face shared challenges and opportunities. Comparative law, as a discipline, provides a critical framework for understanding the similarities, differences, and intersections among legal traditions, offering insights into how laws can evolve in response to societal needs. Its influence is evident in the evolution of law in different jurisdictions, with the Indian Constitution itself standing as a prime example of comparative legal application, drawing from the best practices within similar constitutional frameworks. Over time, the Indian judiciary has frequently referred to norms from other jurisdictions to enrich and advance its own jurisprudence. Additionally, Indian courts have applied comparative methods in their rulings, particularly in extending protections for socio-economic rights, gender rights, civil and political rights, environmental issues, corporate governance, and more. As such, comparative law, though an ancient field, has become crucial for the growth of modern legal societies.

It is within this context that ICCL – 2025 has been established. This platform invites legal professionals, academics, researchers, and students to explore, evaluate, and compare the legal systems of two or more countries, provided that either India or Australia is used as a foundational base for comparison.

### ***Sub-Themes***

ICCL – 2025 has a plethora of **non-exhaustive** themes and sub-themes to offer! The author may make a suitable choice from the given sub-themes. **However, the base country of comparison must be either India or Australia.**

### **THEME 1: Modalities of Comparative Law**

- Bilateral and Multilateral Comparative Approaches
- Judicial Dialogue and Cross-Jurisdictional Influence
- Comparative Methodologies in Law
- Role of Comparative Law in Legal Reform
- Transnational Governance and Comparative Law
- Comparative Philosophical Theories of Evolution of Law
- Comparative Legal Education and Pedagogy

- Challenges and Ethical Issues in Comparative Law
- Legal Pluralism and Hybrid Legal Systems

**THEME 2: Comparative Constitutional Law [The base country of comparison must be either India or Australia]**

- Constitutional Design and Drafting Processes
- Constitutional Rights and Civil Liberties
- Legislative and Electoral Process
- Constitution and the Judiciary
- Constitutionalism and Rule of Law
- Rights and Liberties of Media
- Ideals of Democratic Institutions
- Facets of Secularism
- State and Legal Structure
- Constitutional Amendments
- Evolving Constitutional Jurisprudence in Modern Times
- Judicial Review and Constitutional Courts
- Constitutional Approaches to Environmental Protection

**THEME 3: Comparative Criminal Law and Human Rights [The base country of comparison must be either India or Australia]**

- Comparative Criminal Procedure
- Human Rights and Criminal Justice
- Offences against the State
- Children and the Criminal Justice System
- Human Rights and the Victims of Crime
- Criminological theories
- Financial Crimes
- Gender-based offences
- Contemporary forensic practices in Criminal Justice System
- Rights of Specially Able

- Mental Health Care
- Human Rights and Refugee Protection
- Punishment and Sentencing: A Comparative Approach
- Comparative Approaches to Gender-Based and Domestic Violence
- Comparative Approaches to Police Powers & Surveillance
- Comparative Approaches Cyber Crime and Piracy
- Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and Cross-Border Crimes
- Comparative Analysis of Hate Crimes and Anti-Discrimination Law

**THEME 4: Comparative IPR, Technology Law and Emerging Legal Domains [The base country of comparison must be either India or Australia]**

- Comparative Perspectives on Cybersecurity Law
- Biotechnology, Genetic Resources, and IPR
- Legal Responses to Online Content Moderation and Platform Liability
- Social Media and OTT Regulations
- Comparative Approaches to Open Source, Open Data, and Open Science
- Comparative Artificial Intelligence and Telecommunication Law
- Comparative Approaches to IPR Protection and Enforcement
- E-commerce, Consumer Protection, and Cross-Border Trade
- Digital Assets, Intellectual Property, and the Metaverse
- NFTs, Block Chain and Cryptocurrency
- Comparative Approaches to Air, Space and Maritime Law
- Digital Identity, Biometrics, and Privacy Rights
- Green Technology and Intellectual Property Rights
- Environmental Challenges
- Space Law and Intellectual Property in Outer Space
- Energy Laws
- Comparative Laws on Autonomous Vehicles and Robotics

**THEME 5: Comparative Business Law [The base country of comparison must be either India or Australia]**

- Incorporation of Business and its operations
- Banking and Investment Law
- International Trade and Investment
- Mergers, Acquisitions, and Cross-Border Transactions
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Anti-Competitive Practices
- Comparative Securities Regulation
- Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Compliance
- Infrastructure and Real Estate
- Alternative Dispute Resolution & International Commercial Arbitration
- Labor and Social Welfare
- E-commerce and Consumer Protection Laws
- Start-Ups and Legal challenges
- Comparative Entrepreneurship
- Transport law
- Land and Real Estate law
- Capital Markets
- Private Trade Law
- Comparative Financial Management
- Corporate Taxation and International Tax Planning
- Corporate Governance and Accountability
- Sustainable Business Practices and Environmental Regulations

**THEME 6: Comparative Family Law [The base country of comparison must be either India or Australia]**

- Cross-cultural and legal perspectives on marriage & divorce
- Comparative Approaches to Property Rights and Family Law
- Child Custody and Parenting Rights
- Pre-Nuptial and Spousal Property Settlement
- Intersection of Religion and Family Law

- Comparative approach to Family Law and Emerging Issues
- Uniform Civil Code
- Same-Sex Marriage and LGBTQ+ Family Rights
- Cross-Border Family Disputes and International Child Abduction
- Elder Care, Filial Responsibility, and Intergenerational Support
- Financial Arrangements and Property Rights in Marriage
- Status of Minorities and Indigenous Families in Family Law
- Family Law and Migration: Rights of Immigrant Families

## CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference will take place over two days. It will open with an inaugural session hosting keynote addresses by eminent speakers from India, Australia and other countries, to be followed by the technical sessions. The second day shall commence with the presentation of research papers in the respective panels, as ascertained by the organising committee based on the designated sub-themes and papers finalised for presentation. The jury will select the best article from each session for special recognition in the valedictory ceremony that will conclude the final day.\*

The **conference will be organised in a hybrid mode.**

## APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Abstract:** Each applicant must submit 200-300-word abstract providing an overview of the proposed paper by e-mail to [icclgusol@gmail.com](mailto:icclgusol@gmail.com) no later than **March 10, 2025**. Each paper will be expected to make a substantial contribution to the comparative law scholarship and the theme of the conference, for example, by advancing new knowledge, connecting previously unrelated facts, offering a critique of existing law, or proposing reform.
2. **Important Pre-condition:** Authors are encouraged to consider the comparative study focusing on India with any other jurisdiction.

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\*The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make suitable modifications, wherever deemed necessary in the conference format. Also, the decision of the organizing committee/judges shall be final in this regard. It will not be subjected to any question/justification/dispute whatsoever.

3. ***Date of Communication of Acceptance of Abstract:*** The organising committee will notify each applicant of whether their abstract has been accepted by **March 12, 2025**. The decision of the organising committee to accept papers for presentation at the conference shall be final.
4. ***Pre-conference Presentation:*** To ensure that young writers make the most of their conference experience, pre-conference presentations can be instrumental in building their confidence and refining their skills. In case where abstract is accepted the young researcher can seek details feedback on working paper. The Pre-conference Presentations shall take place on **17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**. **Separate google form will be shared with interested participants of Pre-Conference Presentations.**
5. ***Date of Submission of Paper:*** Applicants selected by the organising committee to participate in the conference must submit their complete paper by the deadline of **March 31, 2025**.
6. ***Paper Format:*** Each paper must be between 5,000 and 7,000 words and include headings and properly formatted footnote citations (end notes are not permissible). Papers must be in MS Word format with Times New Roman font on an A4 size paper and 1” margin on all sides, font size 12 and line spacing of 1.5. ILI Rules of Footnoting (Indian contributors)/Any other suitable mode of Footnoting used as a norm in the research community of a country (Foreign Nationals) may be followed. [They would be standardized at the time of selection for publication]. Copy of the ILI Footnoting style can be accessed at <https://ili.ac.in/cstyle.pdf>.
7. ***E-Mail:*** Papers/abstracts/expressions of interest for mere participation must be submitted by e-mail to: [icclgusol@gmail.com](mailto:icclgusol@gmail.com)
8. ***Registration Fee:*** Each successful applicant must pay the conference registration fee as prescribed herein-below, no later than **March 15, 2025**. **Only one co-author shall be permitted. The registration fee is non-refundable.** [The authors whose paper would be selected for presentation shall be informed about the mode of payment through an e-mail.]
9. ***Mode of Organizing:*** To reiterate, the conference is organized in a **hybrid mode**.
10. ***Accommodation:*** If participants require accommodation, a special request will have to be made at the time of registration. The payment for accommodation will be borne by the participants.
11. ***Attendance:*** Participants must attend the conference on both days to receive a participation e-certificate, which will be presented only at the conclusion of the conference.
12. ***Publication Opportunities:***
  - A. All abstracts shall be published in the conference proceedings.
  - B. After the conference, selected papers will be published in an edited book (with ISBN).



C. If deemed suitable, papers may also be accommodated in a peer-reviewed, refereed journal (s), as the case may be.

In this regard, however, the editors' editorial wisdom and the judges' feedback shall be conclusive in selecting the worthiness of the paper to be published. Further details against this backdrop will be provided in due course.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AT A GLIMPSE

#### Registration Fees [For Presentation]:

No. of Author(s)	Indian National		Foreign National	
	Online	Offline	Online	Offline
Single Author	Rs. 1000	Rs. 2000	\$ 30	\$ 100
Co-Author*** (First author & Second Author both)	Rs. 1700	Rs. 3500	\$ 60	\$ 180

#### Registration Fee [For Participation]:

Participant	Participation Fee Payable	
	Online	Offline
Indian National	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1000
Foreign National	\$ 15	\$ 40

#### Important Dates:

Abstract submission deadline	<b>March 10, 2025</b>
Communication of Acceptance of the Abstract	<b>March 12, 2025</b>
Registration fee deadline	<b>March 15, 2025</b>
Pre-conference Presentations	<b>March 17, 2025</b>
Paper submission deadline	<b>March 31, 2025</b>

\*\*\*Cumulative amount to be paid by the author and co-author.

## **ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS**

Galgotias University has an immersive learning environment that offers its students opportunities to learn both inside and outside the classroom. Its student body represents 28 states, making it a microcosm of India with a welcoming and supportive community that embraces diversity in culture, talent, and perspectives. To nurture the next generation of leaders, Galgotias University has established a respectful campus culture that encourages intellectual debates, talent development, unconventional thinking, and experimentation with new ideas. The University offers all the necessary resources for students to organize and pursue a wide range of academic and recreational interests through clubs, societies, activities, and entrepreneurial projects.

Galgotias University, School of Law (SOL, GU) is a prime example of how strong traditions, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and an excellent curriculum can pave the way for a top-notch educational institution. Established just a decade ago, SOL, GU has made significant strides in the legal education landscape of India by providing skill-oriented and industry-relevant programs. The School of Law focus on producing litigation specialists, corporate lawyers, mediation & arbitration experts, professionals to draft legal instruments, policymakers, researchers, academicians, diplomats, comparative law experts for the burgeoning LPO industry, and others have helped SOL, GU gain prominence as one of the best laws. Within a decade of its foundation, SOL, GU has acclaimed 1st position nationally as per the **CSR-LAW SCHOOL SURVEY,2023** under the category of top eminent law schools and secured 11th position in the category of emerging law colleges in India as per the India Today MRDA Ranking, 2023. With prime focus on quality legal education, practical advocacy skills development and experiential learning, the school is a continual work in progress with 60 regular faculty and over 1200 legal eagles making the most of the academic environment and world class infrastructural amenities.

### **School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia**

Edith Cowan University, named after Edith Dircksey Cowan, the first woman to be elected to an Australian Parliament, has more than 30,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, originating from more than 100 countries. Established in 1991, their outstanding achievements have been recognized throughout Australia and internationally through awards, grants, scholarships and prizes. For 15 years in a row, ECU has achieved a 5-star rating for teaching quality in the Good Universities Guide. ECU is also ranked in the world's top 100 universities under 50 years old in the 2022 Times

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